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### Be Safe, Prepared And Aware London takes part in Emergency Preparedness Week

We seldom think about potential disasters that can affect us. Yet chemical spills, severe weather, health emergencies and major transportation accidents can strike almost any community, including ours. During May 7 to 12, London's Emergency Management Partners will be taking part in National Emergency Preparedness week.

This year, London's team will be focused on raising awareness of hazardous materials and chemicals; how to use them safely around the home, manage spills and dispose of them properly. It is also running a series of five day emergency responder workshops on Responding to Dangerous Goods Incidents in Transportation.

"London is a very safe city" says London's Community Emergency Management Coordinator Dave O'Brien. "It is important to forge strategic partnerships with the public, community agencies, private industry and other government organizations. Collectively sharing our expertise in the management of large scale emergencies will give us the best results".

London's Emergency Management Program works to reduce the impact of a crisis before, during and after an event. Londoners also have an important role to play in community safety and are being encouraged to prepare themselves and their loved ones. Everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for up to three days in the event of an emergency or disaster until they can be reached by emergency workers.

Preparing for potential disaster before it happens is your best defense. Being prepared may mean the difference between being a victim or a survivor.